Lapse on the part of certain Railway staff

4761. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during February, 2005, Railway tickets for the Suburban Trains issued to the commuters at the Railway Ticket Issue Counter at Tambaram Railway Station, Southern Railway, Chennai were found to be earlier dated, on checking by the squad (due to the concerned Railway person's failure to correctly punch the date of issue of the tickets) and the commuters were penalized for no fault of theirs; and

(b) whether this kind of lapses were noticed elsewhere, and if so, the corrective measures envisaged to put an end to this sytem failure or human failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was an isolated case of human failure of improper setting of dating machine. The concerned booking clerk has been suitably taken up. Such incident has not been noticed at any other place. The penalty of Rs. 256 charged from the concerned passenger has already been refunded.

Occupation of reserved compartments by army personnel

4762. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of instances have been reported about Army Jawans and policemen with unreserved tickets entering into reserved compartments and taking away the seats of the passengers whose seats are reserved;

(b) if so, whether such instances have come to the notice of Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether efforts have been made to ensure that no person is allowed to enter the reserved compartments in express and mails;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Cases of unauthorised passengers including policemen